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February 22, 1999

Mr. Michael McAteer
U. S. EPA - Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Re: Solutia Inc. Response to USEPA January 27, 1999 Comments on Draft Support Sampling Plan for Sauget Area I Site, Cahokia, Ill.

Dear Mr. McAteer,

Solutia Inc. (Solutia) provided a draft Support Sampling Plan (SSP) in its good faith offer to the Agencies dated November 19, 1998. Solutia's good faith offer was accepted by the Agencies and incorporated into an Administrative Order by Consent (AOC) dated January 21, 1999. Solutia received Agencies' comments on the November 19, 1998 draft SSP on January 27, 1999. Pursuant to those January 27, 1999 Agencies' comments and to a review meeting between Solutia and the Agencies on February 17, 1999, enclosed herein are two copies of the revised SSP for your review and approval.

The enclosed SSP contains a revised schedule consistent with our current understanding of the Scope of Work (SOW) and allowing for reasonable time periods to complete the Work. As we discussed, the SAP will be submitted after approval of the SSP. It should be noted that initiation of sediment sampling in April is critical to the successful completion of the SSP Work within the projected timing. Therefore, upon your receipt of the SAP, Solutia requests that the focus of the Agencies' review and approval be on the sediment sampling, so that initiation of this portion of the Work can begin in April.

Sincerely.

D. M. Light

Manger, Remedial Projects

cc: Tim Gouger (4 copies) - USACE

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Sauget Area I File